

Meeting Minutes

Project: Boulder Creek Greenway – 17th to 19th Streets
Purpose: Greenways Advisory Committee (GAC) -Review Concept Site Plan and Art Enhancements
Date Held: April 20, 2005; 6:00 PM
Location: On site - Boulder Creek Greenway – 17th to 19th Streets
Attendees: Annie Noble - Boulder Greenways staff member, adjacent homeowner, GAC members, and City dept. staff, as well as Landscape Architect, Diane Yates (Carter & Burgess).
Copies: A. Noble, C. Muller, J. Merer, File

Summary of Discussion:

Annie Noble and Diane Yates gave a brief description of the proposed site design. The new path alignment was walked, allowing discussion of proposed features. Meeting comments are summarized below:

1. Bike Path Alignment:

- Consider moving path away from the creek to direct foot and bike traffic away from riparian and wetland creek edge.
- At the site's east end where the bike path transitions to the existing path on CU property, align new path to allow sight lines around small brown building for bike traffic traveling west.
- Construct new path alignment to have fewer curves and respect the bike path design speed and safety.
- GAC members were concerned with the possibility of runners cutting across the meadow. A 1-2 ft. gravel shoulder will be built next to path for runners. A low wall or barrier type vegetation was discussed as possible barriers to encourage bicycles and runners to stay on the path.

2. Wetland Terrace:

Some meeting participants expressed concern for heavy foot traffic that may trample riparian and wetland plants along the creek. One alternative: construction a footpath from the patio at the Gathering Place to the creek. Second idea: build a retaining wall with rail at the edge of the wetland area. The rail and wall would limit access to the wetland from the meadow.

3. Gathering Place:

Annie Noble described the plans to enhance the Wolff Home patio with seating, drinking fountain and art. She described the Vision Stone, designed by Christian Muller to describe the work of Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr. and Susan Osborne to preserve land along the creek for public use and develop the Greenways program.

4. Open Meadow:

Diane Yates talked about candidate grass species to reseed areas disturbed by the house demolition or by construction. The Boulder Revegetation Guidelines were cited for potential riparian grasses species.